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Outcome of FAL 27

Note by the Secretariat

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This note provides information on the outcome of FAL 27 which is relevant to the work of the Committee.
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 13
<i>Related documents:</i>	FAL 27/19

1 The Facilitation Committee held its twenty-seventh session from 6 to 10 September 1999 and its report was circulated under the symbol FAL 27/19. The matters of interest to the Committee are summarized in the following paragraphs.

FACILITATION ASPECTS OF OTHER IMO FORMS AND CERTIFICATES - HARMONIZED REPORTING FORMAT

Harmonization of certificates

2 Recalling that MEPC 40 noted and MSC 69 agreed with the FAL Committee's views on harmonized certificate formats and further recalling the Secretary-General's opening remarks at FAL 27 that the many various certificates which are presently required are certainly causing problems and that perhaps the time had come for IMO to give serious consideration to the possibility of combining or even eliminating some of them, the FAL Committee agreed that simplification and unification of the existing documents and certificates should be the aim, reducing their number, where possible.

3 In considering the matter, the FAL Committee developed two distinct items, namely; a ship's certificate and a grouping of relevant certificates and documents annexed thereto, as given in annex 1. The ship's certificate would contain sufficient ship's particulars to determine the applicability with the relevant conventions or codes and would be supplemented by the relevant complementary certificates.

4 The FAL Committee, having agreed that this serves as a good basis for the continuation of the work at the next session invited Member Governments and international organizations to submit comments on this framework to FAL 28. The Secretariat was instructed to inform the MSC and the MEPC of this development and the FAL Committee's intention on this matter for their comments,

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contributions and endorsement, and to obtain legal advice from the Legal Office on any legal implications for this work.

List of certificates carried on board ships

5 The FAL Committee considered a draft joint FAL/MSC/MEPC circular on the revised list of certificates to be carried on board ships (FAL 27/11/1), prepared by the Secretariat in light of the recent entry into force of amendments relevant to IMO instruments, approved it, as amended and given in annex 2, and agreed to forward it to MSC 72 and MEPC 44 for endorsement and dissemination.

SHIP/PORT INTERFACE

Establishment and operation of reception facilities

6 The Facilitation Committee, in considering the SPI Working Group's invitation (FAL 27/12, paragraph 9.1.1) to note the action taken by the Working Group on the possible development of a model course on reception and handling of ship-generated wastes in ports and to refer the matter to MEPC for consideration, was informed that MEPC 43 (FAL 27/2/4, paragraph 5) had already considered the proposal by the SPI Working Group. The Facilitation Committee noted that MEPC 43 decided that there was no need for a continuous agenda item on establishment and operation of reception facilities, in particular, on development of a model course on waste reception facilities in the work programme of the SPI Working Group, since the MEPC itself is working on matters of port reception facilities with its correspondence group and working group and in view of the efficient work of the Organization and avoiding duplication of work.

7 The Facilitation Committee invited Sweden to resubmit to MEPC 44 the document (FAL 27/12/5) on the outline and contents of the course on reception and handling of ship-generated wastes in ports, which had been submitted to this session at the request of the SPI Working Group.

Evaluate the need for recommended minimum standards for training and education of Port Marine Personnel

8 The FAL Committee agreed that there was a need for developing guidelines on minimum standards for training of port marine personnel for the following reasons:

- .1 there were no known internationally recognised guidelines on this subject;
- .2 traditionally, a job in the seaport was a second career for seafarers who wished to take up suitable appointments ashore and in view of their statutory qualifications and on the job experience, were suitable for a job at a port with, perhaps a minimum of additional training. Rapid technological developments in the port and marine industry and the increased safety and environment consciousness of the public made it even more important that port marine personnel are adequately trained. This applied to personnel with or without seafaring experience alike;
- .3 BIMCO conducted a study on a world wide scale and came to the conclusion that the foreseeable shortfall of qualified seafarers was not only a European matter but applied equally to other parts in the world. Studies on the availability of qualified seafarers conducted in various European countries concluded that in the foreseeable future (5 to 10 years) about 60% of the present qualified seafarers would retire. These studies concluded that such shortfall would also have an impact on the secondary industries, such as ports, which traditionally have relied on recruiting their personnel from sea-going staff. The shortfall was confirmed by the workshop held in Dublin in 1997 by the European Commission and the 4th Bremen Port Safety Conference in 1996; and

- .4 in order to encourage a first career in a port which most likely would be the norm in the future, it was essential to have some form of guidelines for the training of port marine personnel. The development of the proposed guidelines would have a technical assistance dimension as these could provide assistance to those countries which do not have developed relevant national guidelines.

9 The FAL Committee was of the opinion that the existence of such guidelines would not only facilitate harmonisation of existing segmented training guidelines in various ports but should bring about an increase in port safety and environmental protection levels if they were to be complied with.

10 The FAL Committee stressed the point that if the MSC and MEPC were also to approve the development of the proposed training guidelines for port marine personnel, this would be on the understanding that these guidelines would not be used to set standards for certification or be part of a mandatory convention. The FAL Committee agreed that the documents submitted by IAPH and IMPA (FAL 27/12/3 and FAL 27/INF.12) were ideal for starting the work related to the development of such guidelines.

11 The FAL Committee, recognizing that the amount of work involved in the development of such guidelines would be a major task, approved the inclusion of an item "Development of guidelines for training of port marine personnel" in the work programme of the SPI Working Group with the target completion date of 2002, under the supervision of MSC, MEPC and FAL, and instructed the Secretariat to inform the MSC and MEPC accordingly.

Work programme of the SPI Working Group

12 The SPI Working Group's work programme, as revised and approved by the FAL Committee, is given in annex 3.

Action requested of the Committee

- 13 The Committee is invited to note the above information and, in particular, to:
- .1 comment on and endorse the FAL Committee's view and action on harmonization of ship's certificates (paragraphs 2 to 4 and annex 1);
 - .2 endorse the draft FAL/MSC/MEPC circular on the revised list of certificates to be carried on board ships (paragraph 5 and annex 2);
 - .3 concur with the FAL Committee's view and action on developing guidelines on minimum standards of port marine personnel and include a corresponding item in the SPI Working Group's work programme (paragraphs 8 to 11); and
 - .4 approve, as far as environmental protection related items are concerned, the SPI Working Group's work programme (paragraph 12 and annex 3).

ANNEX 1

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SHIP'S CERTIFICATE

Ship's particulars

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Authority

- ☐ Certificate of Registry
- ☐ International Tonnage Certificate (1969)
- ☐ International Load Line Certificate

RELEVANT CERTIFICATES AND DOCUMENTS

SAFETY CERTIFICATES

Authority

- ☐ Passenger Ship Safety Certificate
 - ☐ Search and rescue co-operation plan
 - ☐ Decision support system for masters
 - ☐ List of operational limitations
- ☐ Cargo Ship Safety Certificate
 - ☐ Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate
 - ☐ Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate
 - ☐ Cargo Ship Safety Radio Certificate
- ☐ High-Speed Craft Certificate
 - ☐ Permit to Operate High-Speed Craft

SPECIAL CERTIFICATES

- ☐ Exemption Certificate(s)
- ☐ Special Trade Passenger Ships Safety Certificate
 - ☐ Special Trade Passenger Ships Space Certificate
- ☐ Special Purpose Ship Safety Certificate
- ☐ Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit Safety Certificate
- ☐ Dynamically Supported Craft Construction and Equipment Certificate
- ☐ Diving System Safety Certificate

SHIP'S DOCUMENTS

- ☐ Stability booklet
- ☐ Bulk carrier booklet
- ☐ Damage control booklet
- ☐ Dangerous goods manifest or stowage plan
- ☐ Cargo securing manual
- ☐ Document of authorization for carriage of grain
- ☐ Document of compliance with the special requirements for ships carrying dangerous goods
- ☐ Noise survey report

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATES

Authority

- ☐ International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate
- ☐ International Pollution Prevention Certificate for the Carriage of Noxious Liquid Substances (NLS) in Bulk Certificate
- ☐ Certificate of Fitness for the Carriage of Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk
- ☐ International Certificate of Fitness for the Carriage of Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk
- ☐ Certificate of Fitness for the Carriage of Liquefied Gases in Bulk
- ☐ International Certificate of Fitness for the Carriage of Liquefied Gases in Bulk
- ☐ Certificate of Fitness for Offshore Support Vessels
- ☐ International Certificate of Fitness for the Carriage of INF Cargo

SHIP'S DOCUMENTS

- ☐ Oil Record Book
- ☐ Garbage Record Book
- ☐ Garbage Management Plan
- ☐ Record of oil discharge monitoring and control system for the last ballast voyage
- ☐ Enhanced survey report file
- ☐ Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plan
- ☐ NLS cargo record book
- ☐ NLS Procedures and Arrangements Manual (P&A Manual)
- ☐ NLS Shipboard Marine Pollution Emergency Plan for Noxious Liquid Substances

MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATES

Authority

- ☐ Minimum safety manning document
- ☐ Document of Compliance
- ☐ Safety Management Certificate

ANNEX 2**DRAFT FAL/MEPC/MSC CIRCULAR****LIST OF CERTIFICATES AND DOCUMENTS REQUIRED
TO BE CARRIED ON BOARD SHIPS**

1 The Facilitation Committee, at its nineteenth session, developed a list of certificates and documents required to be carried on board ships together with a brief description of the purpose of the certificates and other relevant documents. This work was carried out in connection with the provisions of section 2 of the annex to the FAL Convention concerning formalities required of shipowners by public authorities on the arrival, stay and departure of ships. The Facilitation Committee considered that these provisions should not be read as precluding a requirement for the presentation for inspection by the appropriate authorities of certificates and other documents carried by the ship pertaining to its registry, measurement, safety, manning, classification and other related matters.

2 The Marine Environment Protection Committee, at its thirteenth session, considered the list of certificates and documents required to be carried on board ships to be complete, useful and informative and expressed its appreciation to the Facilitation Committee for the work carried out.

3 The list, as approved by the Maritime Safety Committee at its sixtieth session on the recommendation of the joint MSC/MEPC working group on survey and certification and the Facilitation Committee at its twenty-first session, was circulated under symbol FAL.2/Circ.35/MEPC/Circ.207/MSC/Circ.593. The list was revised and circulated under symbol FAL.2/Circ.42/MEPC/Circ.303/MSC/Circ.704, dated 21 September 1995.

4 Annexed to this circular is a list further revised by the Facilitation Committee, at its twenty-seventh session, the Marine Environment Protection Committee, at its [forty-fourth session] and the Maritime Safety Committee, at its [seventy-second session], which updates the list contained in FAL.2/Circ.42/MEPC/Circ.303/MSC/Circ.704.

5 Administrations are invited to note the information provided in the annex and take action as appropriate.

6 This circular supersedes FAL.2/Circ.35/MEPC/Circ.207/MSC/Circ.593 and FAL.2/Circ.42/MEPC/Circ.303/MSC/Circ.704.

ANNEX**CERTIFICATES AND DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO BE
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[MSC 72/2/3*, annex 2]

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ANNEX 3**WORK PROGRAMME OF THE SPI WORKING GROUP**

		Target Completion Date
1	Assessment of model course on the safe and secure packing of cargo transport units (under the supervision of MSC)	2001
2	Updating of the bibliography (under the supervision of FAL)	Continuous
3	Availability of adequate tug assistance (under the supervision of MSC, MEPC and FAL)	2000
4	Development of a manual on loading and unloading of solid bulk cargoes for terminal representatives (under the supervision of MSC)	2002
5	Development of guidelines for the training of port marine personnel (under the supervision of MSC, MEPC and FAL)	2002
